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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: S.S. KHODKIN

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1. RE PARA TWO OF REFTTEL, SERGEY STEPANOVICH KHODKIN IS CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF HYDROMET. HE SUCCEEDED V.D. MASLOV, WHO HAD BEEN SERVING AS CHIEF AFTER DEPARTURE OF I.K. KLIMOV IN 1967. MASLOV WAS DEMOTED TO DEPUTY CHIEF, A POSITION HE NOW SHARES WITH GENNADIY P. SHUVAYEV. IN ADDITION TO KHODKIN, MASLOV, AND SHUVAYEV, HYDROMET'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT IS PRINCIPALLY STAFFED BY LEONTIY MIRODONOV, OLEG VYRYPAYEV, AND VALERIY SMIRNOV.

2. UNTIL SOVIET SECRETARIAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN LATE 1972 FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, OUR MAIN CONTACT AT HYDROMET FOR THIS AGREEMENT WAS KHODKIN, WHO SEEMED NEVER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO TAKE MUCH INTEREST.
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YU. YE. KAZAKOV, FORMER STUDENT OF IZRAEL AND NUCLEAR

PHUSICIST, RAN SECRETARIAT SINGLE-HANDEDLY UNTIL B.A. KUVSHINNIKOV JOINED HIM LAST YEAR AS HEAD OF SECRETARIAT. LATER ADDITION OF V.I. SIPAKOV, MAKES PRESENT TEAM OF THREE. KAZAKOV SEEMS TO BE UNHAPPY IN SECRETARIAT NOW THAT KUVSHINNIKOV HAS TAKEN AND LIMELIGHT AND REMOVED HIS INDEPENDENCE. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HE QUIT HYDROMET SOON TO RETURN TO RESEARCH. HE RECENTLY SACRIFICED VACATION TO ATTEND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND WRITE RESEARCH PAPER.

3. INTERNALLY, SECRETARIAT REPORTS TO IZRAEL'S OFFICE. FOR FOREIGN CONTACTS OF SECRETARIAT, KHODKIN REMAINS PRVOTAL, SERVING BOTH AS CHANNEL AND WATCHDOG, EVEN THOUGH SECRETARIAT OPERATES PARALLEL TO FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AND IS APPARENTLY NOT ORGANIZATIONALLY PART OF IT. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, KHODKIN LIKES TO KEEP ABREAST OF AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES, AND WE REGULARLY TURN TO HIM ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS WHEN SECRETARIAT MEMBERS ARE UNAVAILABLE. A NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL HAVE DEALT WITH OR MET KHODKIN IN PAST. HE CHAIRED ONE MEETING EARLY LAST YEAR WITH DR. TALBOT OF CEQ, FOR EXAMPLE. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BUSTERUD TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH KHODKIN (AT LEAST INFORMALLY) DURING FORTHCOMING REVIEW TALKS AND WILL ARRANGE SUCH MEETING, IF DESIRED.

4. KHODKIN, IN HIS LATE THIRTIES, IS PRESUMABLY MAIN SECURITY OFFICER IN FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. IN OUR DEALINGS WITH HIM, HE HAS SHOWN NO EVIDENCE OF NAY PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC SPECIALITY. HE HAS EARTHY SENSE OF HUMOR AND OFTEN PREFERS TO JOKE RATHER THAN CONDUCT BUSINESS. HE HAS ON AT LEAST ONE OCCATION KNOWN TO US LED SOVDEL TO INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN GENEVA. STOESEL

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